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Newsletter #46:

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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a nice week. I'm still kind of tired from getting up at 4 a.m. to bid in the Lanz auction. There were some nice deals in there so I'm happy I got up although I'm still a bit pooped. After sleeping a few more hours I took a trip up to Hyde Park to visit with a friend at the University of Chicago. It seems like yesterday that I got my Master's Degree from there but it has already been 4 years. Time does fly. It doesn't matter how many times I go there, I still get the urge to continue my studies whenever I am there. That place is absolutely magical. If you decide to visit Chicago this Spring for the Chicago Coin Expo than take a trip to Hyde Park. It takes about 20 minutes from downtown but it is worth the trip. The Oriental Institute is fascinating and if you can get into it (I believe you need a school ID which I have) then the Regenstein Library is incredible. The campus itself is lovely with its old, ornate buildings. In any case, back to what is happening in the numismatic world this coming week.

There are so many small auctions listed on Sixbid and Numisbids at the moment. I've looked at most of them and here are few that I think are worth your time. Like most of you I'm about to settle down for a little break before the big week of auctions and the trade show in New York City (January 5-14). I'm headed to Germany for the holidays to be with family. I'm looking forward to a nice gluhwein at the Christmas market in Schwaebisch Hall. I'm still available over the break so feel free to email if you want to get in touch.

DNW Auction (London, Dec 12-14)

DNW has a rather substantial auction running over the course of three sessions. The auction is medals and world material. There are 2,132 lots in all and a few collections from deceased collectors. What was noteworthy was some of the British hammered coinage, Swiss shooting medals and a small but interesting collection of banknotes from Iran. This may not be relevant for the majority of my readers but if you like early

hammered coinage it is worth a peek. The auction can be viewed on Sixbid and Numisbids.

CNG E-Sale 411 (closes Dec 13) and Triton XXI (NYC, January 9-10, 2018)

CNG has 756 lots of ancient and world coins in this e-sale. There is some nice material in there but I'm sure that the staff at CNG is taking a deep breath before their big Triton auction happens on January 9-10 in NYC at the NY International.

Some of you may have gotten your catalogs for Triton. There will be four sessions over the course of two days. The first part is a beautiful group of Alexandrian coinage from the Staffieri Collection. There are 273 coins and many types that are rarely seen on the market and in pristine condition. There has been an awful lot of ex-Dattari material on the market of late so don't be fooled in thinking that this is just another lot of the same-old stuff. It is worth your time to look at the catalog. I'd also recommend holding onto the catalog if you do get a copy because it will be nice reference down the road.

The Greek and Roman section is filled with some delightful pieces, good pedigrees and interesting stories, particularly lots 743 and 744 which come from the Weissenberg Family. The story about how the coins were acquired and who the Weissenbergs were is what makes the coins all the more interesting.

I did get a few catalogs from CNG but unless someone wants a catalog I won't request more. Please just ask me if you would like me to get you one or have one sent to you, otherwise, the sales are online at Sixbid and Numisbids. I will be attending this auction in New York and I expect to be busy handling customer bids. Please do let me know if you will need my help for this auction. My terms are very advantageous so please get in touch for specifics.

NAC and Sovereign Rarities - Marco Ratto Library (Milan, Dec 15) (CORRECTION!)

For once I'm glad I was wrong on a date. My heart missed a beat when I looked at my last newsletter and I saw that the NAC/Sovereign Rarities library auction was on Dec 8. This was INCORRECT! The auction actually takes place on Dec 15. It isn't often that an important library comes to auction. If you are looking for numismatic books you must check this one out. There are 1,014 lots of numismatic titles that will be offered. Looking through the listing I am floored by the titles. It is difficult to say what the hammers will be but this auction is worth your time. Hey, if you want a fun time in Italy just before the holidays you can attend the auction but I plan to bid online. There are a lot of wonderful literature auctions coming up and this is one that is worth your time.

46th Annual New York International Trade Show (January 5-14, 2018) and Bourse dates (January 11-14, 2018)

My booth is 1601 at the NY International Trade Show. The new location of the show is the Grand Hyatt Hotel, located at 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10022, between Park and Lexington Avenues.



Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

Anonymous. Rome, c. 225/212 BC.

AR Quadrigatus or Didrachm, 6.45g (22mm, 6h). Janus head / Jupiter holding a thunderbolt and leading a quadriga right; behind, Nike. In exergue, ROMA

Pedigree: From the E. E. Clain-Stefanelli Collection, Auktion NAC 92 (Teil 1), Zürich 2016, Nr. 251

Price: \$7,500

The quadrigatus was the very first silver coin type struck by the Romans. Previous to this the Romans used bronze coins exclusively as their currency. These large cast coins were not as easy for trade. The predecessor to the denarius, the quadrigatus was substantially larger than the denarius and stylistically more similar to the beautiful Greek coins that were being struck. It is suggested that the quadrigatus was used very seldom locally; it was used more outside of Rome for trade.

The Janus head on the obverse is a pure Roman symbol and does not exist in Greek culture. The god Janus was meant to symbolize the beginning and end of a conflict, or war and peace. The quadriga found on the reverse of the coin was carried over when the denarius was finally introduced around 211 BC.

References: BMC 101; Crawf. 28/3; Syd. 65

Grade: Phenomenal strike with great detail, iridescence and luster. Mint State rr1059

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!
Shanna

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